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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A confidential source abroad has advised as follows:

Arnold Louis Kessler, whose permanent residence is 18266 Pinehurst, Detroit 21, Michigan, on April 30, 1964, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, advised that he at no time, at any place, had been in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald and advised he had made no statement to anyone that he had had such a contact in Mexico, D. F. Kessler stated that he may have made the remark to someone that a friend of his, Homobono Alcaraz Aragon, had once remarked that he had met Oswald in Mexico City. Kessler advised that approximately the middle of February, 1964, Aragon had told him, Kessler, that he had been contacted by representatives of the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City concerning his contact with Oswald and that he had told the Embassy representatives that he had, on one occasion, been introduced to Oswald. Kessler stated he had no details of the meeting between Aragon and Oswald but that his recollection is that Aragon had stated he had been introduced to Oswald sometime in the fall of 1963 and that it is his, Kessler's, recollection that Aragon had stated that Oswald and the person who introduced them had had coffee with him at that time at an unidentified place in Mexico City. Kessler stated he could recall no other details of Aragon's statements and that he has no other details concerning such a meeting between Aragon and Oswald. Kessler noted that he does not know whether Aragon actually met Oswald or not. He advised that Aragon had been worried in mid-February, 1964, during the reported conversation, as he was at that time attempting to obtain a temporary U. S. visa and feared that he would not obtain the visa as a result of his reported contact with Oswald.

Kessler stated he had gone to Detroit from California approximately September 17, 1963, and that he was in Detroit, Michigan, on September 28, 1963, his birthday. He stated he departed Detroit during the first week of October, 1963, spent one day in Chicago, two days in St. Louis, and approximately one week in Guanajuato, State of Guanajuato, Mexico, after which he had taken a bus to Mexico City. He advised that upon arriving in Mexico City he had checked into the Casa de Los Amigos and that as near as he could recollect this was approximately the middle of October, 1963.

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Kessler stated he had worked for the "Mexico City Times," a Mexico City newspaper, from November, 1963, to the first part of February, 1964, at which time he had gone to Veracruz, Mexico, for approximately one week during Carnival. He stated he returned to Mexico City about the middle of February, 1964, and it was at this time that Aragon had made the statements concerning his having met Oswald. Kessler stated he had made a hitchhiking and commercial travel trip through Central America, arriving in Sao Paulo, Brazil, approximately March 17, 1964. He further advised that since he has been instructed to report for his Selective Service physical examination in Detroit on May 22, 1964, he plans to depart Sao Paulo on May 5, 1964, for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he will spend approximately one week, after which he will return to Detroit by air via Lima, Peru.

Kessler reiterated that he has at no time met Lee Harvey Oswald and knows of no other person who met Oswald, other than possibly Aragon. He stated he could furnish no information as to other persons who might have information concerning a possible contact between Aragon and Oswald.

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